

COMMENT OF THE DAY

What Is The Purpose?

FOR the time being the real reasons which led to General Naguib's decision to dissolve the Moslem Brotherhood must remain obscure. The allegation that the Brotherhood was conspiring to bring about the overthrow of the Naguib regime is, of course, sheer nonsense. Britain's main preoccupation so far as Egypt is concerned is reaching an agreement over the Suez Canal Zone, and if there is one organisation in Egypt which would never lend itself to a negotiated settlement of this particular problem, it is the Moslem Brotherhood. The Brotherhood will listen to no proposition which allows foreign influence to remain in Egypt in any shape or form, and it is, therefore, quite beyond the bounds of possibility that there could be any alliance between Britain and the Moslem Brotherhood for any purpose whatsoever. Press reports tend to suggest that General Naguib's action represents a trial of strength; in other words, a repetition of his coup against the Wafd Party which brought him to power. If this be so the Moslem Brotherhood must have been working extremely surreptitiously in order to pose even a threat to General Naguib's position. With the Wafdists disbanded, and enjoying the full backing of the Army, he appeared to be unassailable, and despite the official statement that "the policy of the Moslem Brotherhood recently had been a revolt against the regime," it is not easy to accept this on face value.

FIRST London reaction is interesting. It follows the line that by ridding the Egyptian political arena of any Moslem Brotherhood influence, General Naguib should find himself in a better position to conclude a settlement of the Canal Zone dispute. This argument suggests that the Egyptian internal political councils the Brotherhood has been strong enough to pull a number of strings and impede any finalisation of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations which have been going on for such a long time. If General Naguib's action does mean that the way will be opened for a satisfactory Canal Zone agreement, it will be generally welcomed. But the connection between the two conflicts is by no means obvious, and to conclude that they are directly related may turn out to be wishful thinking. What ever the reasons which lie behind it, the action taken by General Naguib is drastic and must have repercussions throughout the Moslem world where the Brotherhood has many and staunch supporters. It is assumed that Naguib has taken this into consideration and is confident of being able to resist outside pressure for the revocation of his decision. Manifestly, he has acted with a purpose, but the world will probably have to wait some time before he reveals precisely what is that purpose.

PAL Pilot's Action Saved Destruction Of A Village

Britain To Build Huge New Airliner

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 14. Derek Dempster, the London Daily Express aeronautical correspondent, writes:

The keel of a new and revolutionary British airliner, that will fly faster than the Comet, has been laid at Weybridge, Surrey. It is expected to fly in the summer of 1955.

The plane is the Vickers One Thousand (1,000) jet transport designed to carry between 100 and 150 passengers over long distances at speeds not far below the speed of sound. The prototype now being built at Weybridge is the military version. It looks like the Valiant jet bomber, but much bigger. It has a wing-span of 140 feet, is 146 feet in length and 38ft 6ins in height.

Its engines are the revolutionary Rolls-Royce Conway bypass jets that have no equal in the world. Mr George Edwards, Managing Director of Vickers Armstrong, who designed the Viscount project, said: "The Vickers 1,000, said today, 'The Conway is the biggest single advance in aeroplane design since the war.'"

The Vickers 1,000 is the only plane to be "tailor made" around the Conway, an engine that gives more power for less fuel and is at least a third more efficient than the conventional jet of the same size.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

Nairobi, Jan. 14.

A Kikuyu Tribesman, Charles Karithi Mathumu, claiming to be a Mau Mau General known as "General No. 6", was sentenced to death here today for unlawful possession of a pistol.

The judge said that the accused had claimed he had operated at the head of a gang in the forests for nine months and that he came to Nairobi for a rest with his 95 men.

The accused admitted that the pistol was his property and that he had more arms hidden in Nairobi.

The judge added: "But in court his bravado faded away. He denied ownership of the pistol and said that the special constables who arrested him were his enemies and that they had first demanded a bribe."

The judge refused to grant an appeal certificate on points of fact.—Reuter.

Soviet Soldiers Re-enter Town

Vienna, Jan. 14.

Soviet soldiers have re-entered the small town of Sankt Valentin near the border of the American zone of Austria, which they had left a month ago, it was learned here today. They occupied the Kommenda building, and the Austrian People's Bank building.—France-Press.

DESPERATE MANOEUVRE ENDS IN DEATH DIVE

Engines Develop Trouble

ROME, JAN. 14.

AN AMERICAN WARTIME AIR HERO SWERVED HIS CRIPPLED PHILIPPINES DC-6 AWAY FROM A CROWDED APARTMENT VILLAGE TODAY SECONDS BEFORE IT PLUNGED IN FLAMES INTO A MUDDY WHEAT FIELD OUTSIDE ROME, KILLING ALL 16 PERSONS ABOARD.

Ira Broome, Army Air Force veteran with four decorations, and three other Americans died in Italy's second disastrous air crash in five days. A British Comet jetliner went down on Sunday, killing 35.

The Manila-to-London Philippines Air Lines luxury transport, with two engines dead, crashed with a violent explosion while wheeling through a drenching rain for a landing at Ciampino airport. The plane and all aboard were blown to bits.

Broome, former Air Force major and chief pilot of PAL, was credited with saving countless lives among the 1,000 men, women and children in the block of low cost apartments in the Gordiani district six miles from the heart of Rome.

Hope Remains That Big 4 Talks Will Take Place

Berlin, Jan. 14.

Western Allied officials here were cautiously optimistic tonight that the Berlin four-power conference could start on January 26 as planned, in spite of the deadlock in the preparatory talks.

The three Western Commandants and Mr Sergei Dengin, Berlin representative of the Soviet High Commission, suspended the preparatory talks indefinitely after a 14-hour session early today as they could not reconcile opposing East-West views on where the Foreign Ministers should meet.

They agreed to refer the question back to their Governments and await new instructions before resuming the talks. A few hours after the adjournment, the United States delegation appeared to paint a worse picture of the situation than their French and British colleagues, but this divergence was resolved later today by official American spokesmen both in Berlin and at Bonn, seat of the US High Commission.

A United States spokesman here said that at no time today had any American official intended to give the impression that the preparatory talks were bogged down beyond hope as some reports emanating from an American press briefing early today might have suggested.

At Bonn, an American spokesman said there was no reason to believe that the present differences over a conference site would not be reconciled before January 25.

He said the fact that the issue had been referred back to the respective Governments was a likelihood or possibility of a postponement of the four-power conference.

Non-American Allied circles said these statements made it clear that there was no difference of views between the British, French and American delegations.

British and French officials said the American had throughout the talks shown the wish of the British and French to compromise over a conference site and were keen as they got going.

Helicopter's Record

Paris, Jan. 14.

France today claimed to have set up a world altitude record of 4,780 metres (over 15,000 feet) for helicopters weighing less than 600 kilograms (1,300 lbs).

The Societe Nationale des Constructions Aeronautiques du Sud Ouest said the record was created last December by one of their "jet" Djinn prototype helicopters from an aerodrome near Paris.

Only three Djinn machines exist.

The Aero Club de France has asked the International Aeronautics Federation to confirm the record flight which was made by M. Jean Dabos.—Reuter.

Wagon Falls Down Precipice

Lima, Jan. 14.

Seven persons were killed today when a station wagon travelling from Lima to Tarma fell down a precipice into the Amazon River.

Two of the 18 occupants of the vehicle survived.—United Press.

Marilyn Monroe Weds Dimaggio

San Francisco, Jan. 14.

Film actress Marilyn Monroe was married here today to a former baseball star, Joe Dimaggio, in a civil ceremony which drew nearly 400 spectators. Presiding Municipal Judge Charles S. Peery performed the ceremony in his City Hall Chambers on the Plaza, famous for its pigeons.

The bride was radiant as she exchanged the vows with the blushing Dimaggio.—Reuter.

Menace Of New Avalanches

Endangers Rescue Workers

Vienna, Jan. 14.

New avalanches are menacing rescue workers digging in fog and falling light in the "disaster valley" of the Austrian Alps where five villages are buried.

This official death toll in the avalanche was tonight given by the Interior Ministry as 114 dead and 18 missing.

Rescue helicopters could no longer fly because of fog thickened over the Austrian Alps.

Frankfurt reported that fresh snow fell in the Rhineland and that the levels of the Rhine and the Danube had risen sharply.

Heavy snowfalls today were followed by a thaw—typical avalanche conditions, Alpenists said.

Herr Hans Bueckle, Chief of Vorarlberg rescue teams, said there was little hope of saving more lives. Some were still buried under 40 feet of snow.

Latest reports said rescue work was being concentrated in the Walsertal Village of Blons, virtually wiped out by the avalanches which thundered down on it three days ago.

While the rescue work went on with United States, British and French troops lending a hand, Austria's frontier barriers opened wide to hundreds more helpers streaming into the stricken country from Switzerland, Germany and the tiny principality of Liechtenstein.

WAVED ON

"We are going to Blons," they shouted and Customs men waved them on without asking to see their passports or identity cards.

An Austrian official said "it is one of the greatest demonstrations of international solidarity ever given."

Helicopters, now unable to continue their mercy errands, have been flying in blankets, doctors and medical supplies and flying out the most seriously injured of those rescued.

They have also been dropping code cards to isolated groups of rescuers, telling how to indicate by means of patterns on the snow what the situation is and what is most urgently needed.

Reports from Austria's other disaster areas said conditions were slowly improving. The Tyrol had seven dead, Gstaad, Saalburg and Upper Austria one each.

Snow fell over most parts of Austria today and meteorologists forecast more to come.

Many Austrian roads and railway lines were still blocked to all traffic. The Brenner Pass was reported to be blocked by a dense fresh avalanche. Working parties were busy trying to clear this international link, but the avalanches brought down tons of rock and thousands of trees which made clearance difficult.—Reuter.

More U.S. Controls Against H.K. Relaxed

NON-STRATEGIC GOODS

Washington, Jan. 14.

The United States Commerce Department today relaxed its control on the export of non-strategic goods to Hongkong.

It added a large number of items to the list of non-strategic goods which could be exported to Hongkong without prior licensing.

Included were: inedible animals and animal products, lard, rubber goods, paper manufactures such as newsprint, tissue and coarse paper, coal and other fuels except coke, domestic cooking stoves and ranges, office machines and parts, including standard and portable typewriters, agricultural machines, implements and parts, certain household and industrial insecticides, photographic and projection goods and optical goods.

The Department said this step could be made without jeopardising the national security.—Reuter.

SECOND LIST

Washington, Jan. 14.

The Government eased restrictions on trade with Hongkong and "friendly" nations today but still did not say whether it will let a Minnesota businessman work out a barter deal with Russia.

The Commerce Department added a large number of items to the list of "non-strategic" goods which may be shipped to Hongkong without individual export licences. The items include rubber goods, wool, paper, coal, stoves, and farm machinery.

At the same time, the Department lifted some of its licensing restrictions on the export of another 58 non-strategic items to friendly nations. But present rules remain in effect for shipment of items on this second list to Hongkong, Macao and Iron Curtain countries.

Shipments of any kind continue to be banned to Red China and North Korea—the enemy in the Korean war.

STILL IN AIR

Still up in the air was the request of Dwayne Andreas, Minnesota businessman, for government permission to barter surplus butter and cottonseed oil for Russian gold or manganese. He wants to buy the surplus products from the Government's Commodity Credit Corp.

Andreas' request drew a protest from Rep. Edna F. Kelly (Democrat, New York). She urged President Eisenhower that it is not necessary for the United States "to do business with a nation whose hands are still bloody."

"A well-nourished Communist is a potential strategic force," she said.

Other members of Congress have opposed the Andreas deal and predicted a Congressional investigation. Still others have left it up to the State Department to decide whether it will

damage or benefit this country in the long run.

In the meantime, the Agriculture Department sold 30,000,000 pounds of surplus dried milk for a penny-a pound to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. The milk will be shipped to the Far East, including Korea and Japan, for child and relief feeding.

The Department bought the milk under the farm price support programme for about 15 cents a pound.

"It also was learned that an agreement will be announced 'fairly soon' under which Britain will be allowed to buy surplus cottonseed oil from the United Nations Emergency Fund. Britain would be reimbursed by the government accepting sterling in return for dollar purchases.

A NEW ORDER

Under the Commerce Department order, exporters now may ship a larger number of items to Hongkong without applying for a licence for each individual item. However, exporters still must have a general shipping licence.

The Department said it permitted the "relaxations" because it felt they could be made "without jeopardising the national security."

Officials said the authorities in the British Crown Colony have been extremely careful to see that none of the US shipments reach Red China—yet they acknowledge that smuggling continues as it has for centuries.

The Department kept restrictions on Hongkong shipments of the 58 items which now may move more freely to "friendly nations." Some of these goods may, in fact, go to Hongkong but exporters must take out individual licences for the commodities.—United Press.

PoW Decision Brings Protest

United Nations, Jan. 14.

Western diplomatic circles tonight called on the Indian Chairman of the Neutral Repatriations Commission in Korea, Lieut-General K. S. Thimayya, to revoke his decision to hand over Korean war prisoners to the United Nations and Communist commands on January 20.

These circles maintained that the date of January 23, previously set for the release of the prisoners, should be re-scheduled and that it was up to the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission itself to take the decision to release the men.

Referring to the fact that Lieut-General Thimayya would be handing over the

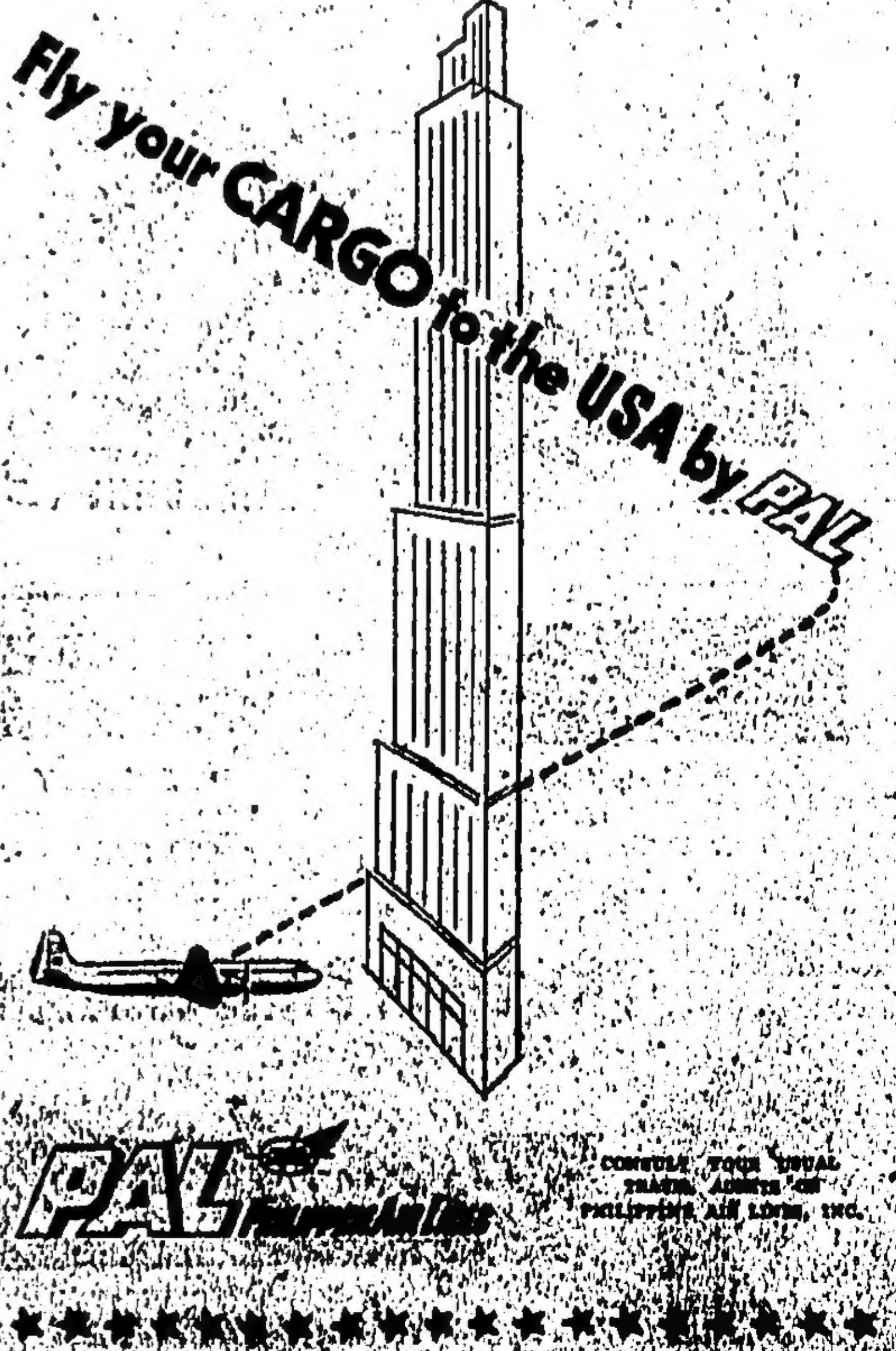
men to the two commands as prisoners, they said that he was depriving both Chinese and Korean soldiers of the right to ask for repatriation, if they desired it.

It was felt certain here that the Allied command would agree to take charge of the Chinese and North Korean non-

repatriated prisoners and that they would be released immediately.

Nevertheless, United Nations circles stressed the fact that they would have been more satisfied if Lieut-General Thimayya had considered non-repatriable prisoners as free men before January 23.—France-Press.

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Recovery Plan For Sterling Area

MINISTERS AGREE ON SIX MAIN POINTS

Sydney, Jan. 15. The Commonwealth Finance Ministers' meeting in Sydney have agreed to a comprehensive programme designed to improve the economic position of the Commonwealth, according to the Political Correspondent of "The Sydney Morning Herald."

According to the correspondent, the main lines of agreement at the conference have been so far:

Abbey Appeal Reaches £Stg 900,000

London, Jan. 14. Scaffolding is rising around the walls of Westminster Abbey, and money sent from all over the Commonwealth is being put to work to renovate the decayed fabric of the ancient abbey.

This was disclosed today by the Dean, Dr Alan Don, at a meeting attended by representatives of the Australian press in London, where Sir William McKie, Australian-born organist and master of the Abbey choir, was welcomed back from his three-month tour of Australia.

Dr Don said that the appeal fund for the renovation of the Abbey was now £900,000—£100,000 short of its goal. It was opened last January and officially closed in Britain in December, but money is still coming in mainly from Australia and other Commonwealth countries.

We are looking to Australia and the rest of the Commonwealth to bridge the gap to the million pound sterling mark, Dr Don said.

Sir William McKie, who is 52 and was born in Cullinstown, Melbourne, said it had been "extraordinarily exciting" to return to Australia after an absence of 18 years.

"I felt during my tour of all the states that the people of Australia really cared about the future of the Abbey," he said.

Sir William said the result of the appeal in Australia had so far been "most encouraging."

China Mail Special.

Bills For US Social Security Plan

Washington, Jan. 14. President Eisenhower today sent a message to Congress urging a broad extension of the American social security system.

President Eisenhower said that the system must remain the key stone of the government's programme to promote the economic security of the individual.

Among the proposals made by the President were:

(1) Broadening of the categories of workers who may benefit by old age and survivors' insurance to 10,000,000 persons, including farmers, more farm workers, domestic servants, doctors, dentists, lawyers, architects, accountants and clergy-men.

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97.6 p.c. Vote For Reds In Bulgaria

London, Jan. 14. The resignation of the Bulgarian Cabinet was formally tendered when the Bulgarian National Assembly met today for the first time after the recent Communist-organised elections. Sofia Radio reported tonight.

The single list elections just before Christmas resulted in a vote of 97.6 per cent of the electorate for the Bulgarian Fatherland Front led by the Communist Party, according to an official statement.

Sofia Radio reported that Ferdinand Kosovsky, a Macedonian Communist, was elected President (Speaker) of the Assembly. He was elected to this position in the previous Assembly in 1949.

After his election, Kosovsky told the Assembly he had received a letter from the Prime Minister, Mr Valko Chervenkov, tendering the resignation of his Cabinet according to the constitution.

He said the communication would be examined at the next session of the National Assembly. The Assembly then adjourned until Friday when members will take the oath and the Mandates Commission will present its report on the elections.

The Assembly will then elect a permanent Presidium of the National Assembly, discuss the letter of resignation of the Cabinet and elect a Prime Minister, the Radio said.

Bulgaria's administrative and Government apparatus follows the Soviet pattern.

The President of the Presidium of the National Assembly is the head of state. This post is at present occupied by Major-General Georgi Damjanov (Communist). He is a graduate of the Prunze Academy, the "high school" of the Soviet Army.—Reuter.

Germany Needed In European Defence System

Paris, Jan. 14. General Alfred Gruenther, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, today told a party of 24 British Parliamentarians visiting his headquarters outside Paris that a German contribution was essential for the adequate defence of Central Europe.

He described the progress of the Allied forces in Europe as generally satisfactory, particularly in the air.

The development of strategic air power was the outstanding factor in the Western defence buildup, he said.—Reuter.

Irate Uncle Shot His Niece's Lover

Manila, Jan. 15. An irate uncle took a violent issue with the saying "A kiss is just a kiss," when he slew a young man who stole a kiss from his niece in Calamba town, Laguna province, the other day.

Apparently killed for the first time and apparently not liking it, the girl immediately told her uncle of the incident.

The latter loaded his pistol and went after the villain, and having cornered him in a store, emptied the contents of his gun into him.—France-Press.

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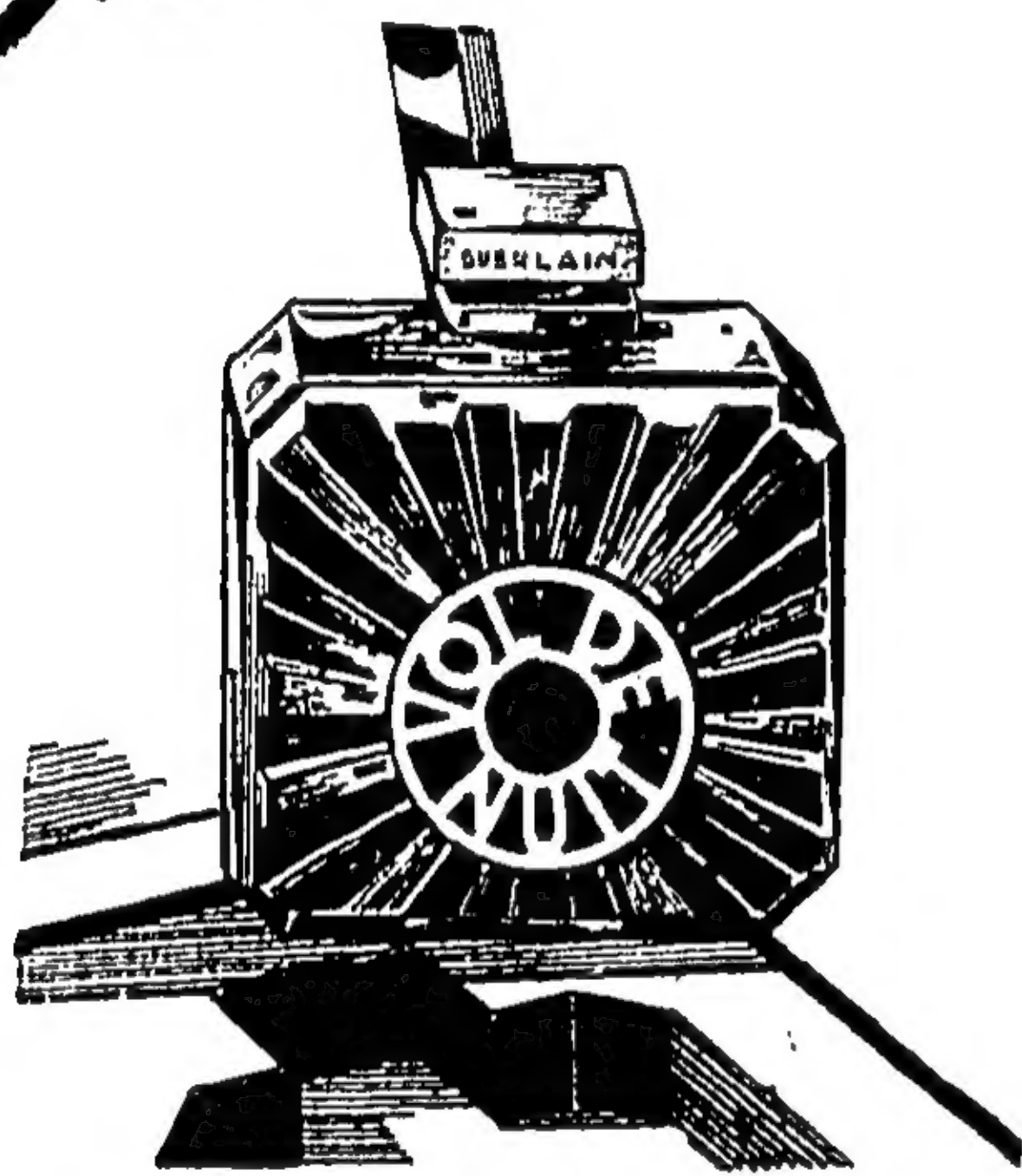
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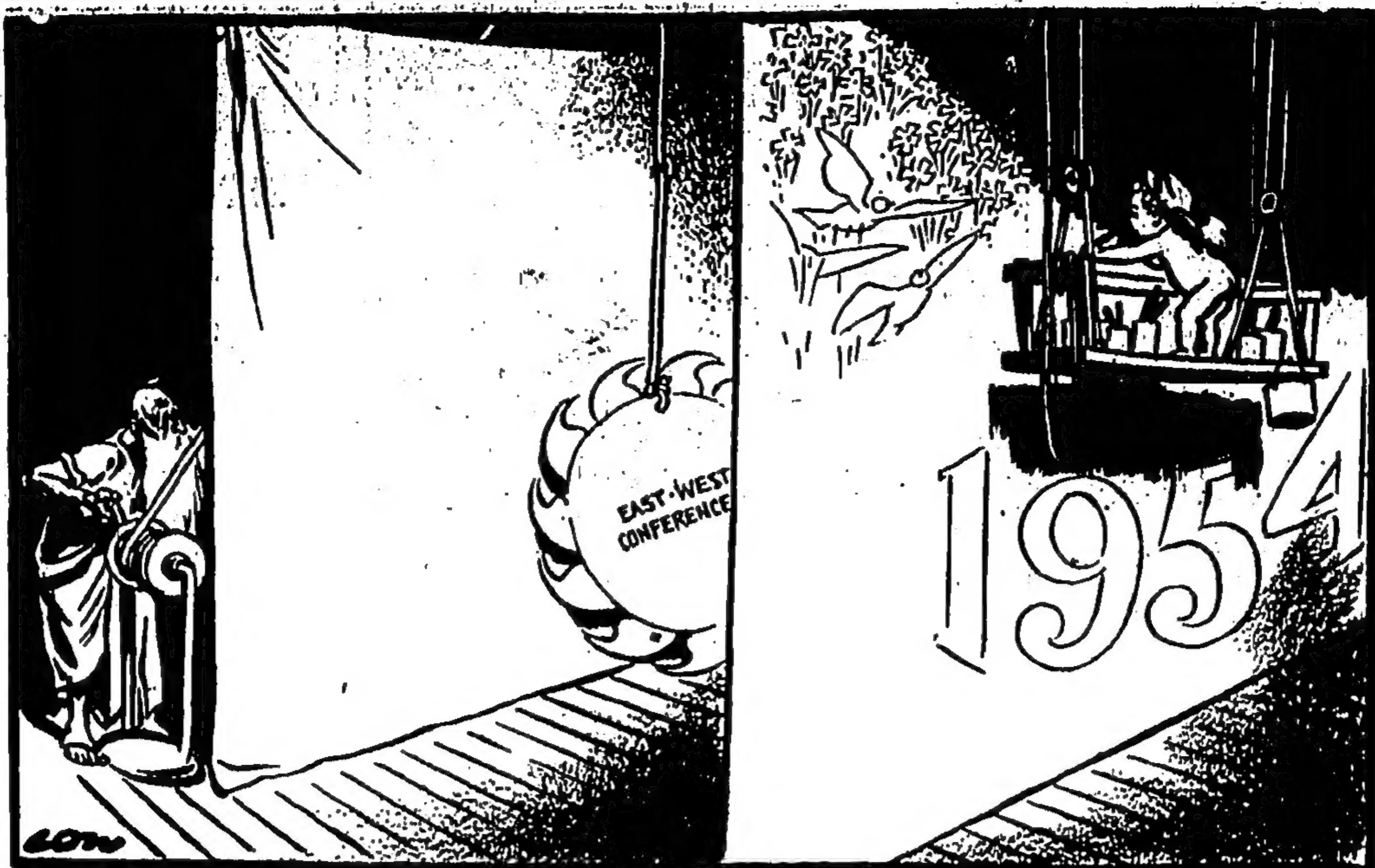
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What chances have Britain, the United States, France and Russia of achieving a settlement on the vexed question of Germany at the forthcoming conference in Berlin? **RICHARD LOWENTHAL**, well-known foreign correspondent, analyses the difficulties and the hopes in this two-day series. This is the concluding article.

ODER - NEISSE FRONTIER IS A MAJOR OBSTACLE

ONE of the most difficult obstacles to an agreed settlement for Germany is the question of Germany's eastern frontier. The Russians and Poles, with the support of the satellite East German Government, contend that the present frontier along the Oder and Neisse rivers is final, and that they will not permit an independent and united Germany unless it accepts that frontier as binding in international law.

The Western Powers say that the Oder-Neisse line was fixed at the Potsdam Conference in 1945 only as a provisional demarcation line, and that they are free to suggest changes at a future peace conference; all they are willing to guarantee to the Russians is that it shall not be changed by force. The West Germans say that, of course, they do not wish to use force, but that no freely-elected German Government could ever accept a frontier which came about by the brutal expulsion of millions of Germans from their ancestral homelands.

In fact, when Britain, the United States and Russia agreed at Potsdam that the demarcation line between the Russian-occupied zone of Germany and the new Poland should run along the Oder and the Lusatian Neisse, they also agreed that the German population still living to the east of these rivers should be transferred westward, stipulating only that humane methods should be applied.

By then, large numbers of the German inhabitants of Pomerania and Silesia had already fled to the West before the advancing Russian armies; millions of others were expelled in the following months by methods which at best were rough and ruthless, and at worst were accompanied by criminal brutality.

The Poles

AFTER they came the Poles, many of whom had been in turn expelled from their homes in the areas now ceded to Russia, and who began to rebuild the destroyed towns, to restart the industries, and—more slowly and less thoroughly—to till the abandoned land.

Rarely in modern times has a decision affecting millions of lives been surrounded with so much cant. The statesmen who met at Potsdam knew what the Germans had done to the Poles during the war, and could well imagine how likely the Poles would be to treat the Germans "humanely" if given the power to expel them. They knew they were driving millions from their homes, and giving other uprooted millions a chance to settle in their place—but they pretended that they were only fixing a provisional line of demarcation.

Hard-pressed by Russian insistence on shifting the eastern frontier of Poland westward, wishing at least to offer some compensation to their Polish allies, still under the shock of the criminal "extermination" of Nazi war criminals, the Western statesmen were in fact conceding a criminal action in their turn but trying hard not to show its implications—and ever since, Western policy has been sticking to that duty.

It seems probable that the Western reservation concerning the later peace conference was originally made not so much with the intention of promoting real revision, but in order to keep the question open as a bargaining point because of the many difficulties raised by the Russians on matters equally vital to the West. But as the reservation was proclaimed again and again, it naturally raised hopes among the millions of expelled East Germans now living in Western Germany, with the result that the issue of frontier revision has gradually become a major factor in West German politics.

Discrepancy

In recent years, an astonishingly large percentage of the refugees has been successfully absorbed by the prosperous West German economy; but there are still enough of those who will never fit in, or who will not forget the greater independence and social prestige they enjoyed at home, and it is these who determine the political climate in the refugee organisations.

As a powerful organised lobby, they have largely succeeded in making the question of frontier revision the test of true patriotism, and today no West German political party would dare advocate voluntary recognition of the Oder-Neisse line, and risk annihilation at the polls.

Yet, as so often with German postwar nationalism, there is a glaring discrepancy between the shouting and flag-waving of the few professionals and the real popular energy behind it. Those refugees who genuinely want to resettle in their old homelands are probably a small minority, people who might find land without great difficulty in those border areas not effectively settled by the Poles; while responsible leaders of all democratic Parties in Western Germany readily admit in private conversation that they do not really care about the issue, and would gladly sacrifice the lost lands if that was the price for liberating their eighteen million living compatriots in the Soviet zone—only such a solution could be forced on them by the Western allies. They are not passionate about revision: they are merely afraid of responsibility.

No Diktat

YET what the Russians and Poles want, understandably enough, is precisely that—a settlement freely accepted by the new German State and democratically approved by its people, which cannot at some later day be repudiated as a "diktat." Indeed, they want so much that it should not be, a priori, impossible to make them accept a limited revision of the frontier as the price of German consent, provided that revision did not touch the important industrial capacities which Poland gained at Potsdam, but remained confined to agricultural regions—for instance, the part of Silesia between the Lusatian Neisse and the more easterly Glatzer Neisse, originally envisaged as frontier by the Western Powers.

Such a revision might be possible without a major transfer of population in reverse, which Dr. Adenauer's West German Government itself has now explicitly rejected, and it might be sufficient to give the

German democratic leaders the courage to stand up before their people and call on them to write off the remnant of the lost provinces as the necessary price of recovering unity and independence after Hitler's crimes. If the German question is ever to be solved at all, something on these lines will have to be tried. The need to restore German unity and freedom has for years been in the foreground of all public discussion of the German problem. Obviously there is no prospect of German unity unless the Western Powers and Russia can achieve a compromise solution assuring them mutual security. But equally clearly, the Western Powers, now in secure control of by far the larger part of the human and industrial potential of Germany, have no reason to compromise on the security issue unless the Russians are prepared in their turn to release the Soviet zone from the Communist regime they imposed, and to permit German unity and freedom.

Some Dispute

EVEN assuming that the security problems can be solved, the road back to unity of the two Germanies at present divided by vastly different political, economic and racial systems, will be far from simple and straightforward. The Western Powers and the West German democratic Parties have long made it clear that the decisive step on that road must be the holding of free and secret elections for an all-German national assembly, and that the freedom of the electorate before, during and after the poll should be assured by some form of international control. Only after the elections can an all-German Government be formed on a democratic basis, a Government which would then have to proceed to unify the administration and economy and to negotiate a peace treaty.

Lately there has been some dispute among West German politicians as to whether such a Government could immediately assume full executive responsibility, or whether some period of transition must necessarily intervene during which separate East and West German administrations would continue to discharge the daily business of government and to fulfil their respective international obligations, until the new all-German constitution came into effect. But while this dispute serves to illustrate the tremendous technical difficulties of the problem, it does not affect the fundamental position of the West.

The Russians and their East German satellites have, in contrast, always insisted that the formation of an all-German Government by delegates from the present West and East German Parliaments must precede elections, because only such a Government could organise them. They have always rejected any idea of a Government of the "united" Germans, although they have left the door ajar for some form of four-Power control.

There is, however, literally no one in the West who would think the idea of such a "united" Government worthy of even a moment's discussion. The East German Government of Herr Otto Grotewohl, and Herr Walter Ulbricht is held in

universal contempt as utterly unrepresentative of the people it rules, and any idea of introducing its delegates into an all-German provisional Government recalls all too obviously the tricks used to bring the whole of Poland under Communist control. It is safe to say that Russian insistence on such a provisional Government would be itself sufficient to wreck the negotiations on German unity.

Loss Of Face

ON the other hand, many Western experts admit that it would be difficult for the Russians to afford the loss of face which they would suffer if "their" Government were suddenly swept away by all-German elections, probably amidst much popular rejoicing and inevitable acts of revenge by the people against their defeated tyrants.

As it would be technically impossible to hold such elections without a considerable period of preparation, the idea has been mooted in neutral circles that the Russians should be given a chance to "democratised" the East Zone regime before elections—as was done of their own free will, the examples of Finland and of Eastern Austria have been quoted as proof that the Russians are capable of tolerating a genuine democratic regime in a country under their military control if it suits them for reasons of wider international policy.

Before the East German rising of June 17, 1953, there were indeed indications that the Russians might consider such a period of adaptation preparatory to the restoration of unity. The declaration which introduced the economic "new look" in Eastern Germany at the beginning of June, drafted under the direct influence of the Soviet High Commissioner, Mr. Semenov, blamed the previous policy of hasty Sovietisation not only for lowering the standard of living of the East Germans, but also for creating unnecessary obstacles to unity. If the Russians now meant to come to terms, they would presumably have to fall back on this idea.

Press Campaign

THE recent Communist Press campaign about the need to implement the Potsdam decisions on "democratisation" and "demilitarisation" in Western Germany may have a meaning in this context: it may prepare the ground for demands for a similar period of adaptation in Western Germany before all-German elections are held.

Of course, if the Russians should really back all the demands raised by their East German mouthpieces, who have lately declared that there could be no democratisation without the expropriation of the "monopoly capitalists" and "landowners" of Western Germany, they would simply indicate that they are not serious about the whole subject of German unity. Conversely, if the Russians confined themselves to complaints about West German propaganda for far-reaching frontier revision, or upholding the traditions of the Wehrmacht,

LONG FACES IN THE CITY

By VAUGHAN JONES

DOWN in the City, where top hats are fighting against extinction, faces grew long as bankers and brokers read the Labour Party's latest policy statement, a revised version of "Challenge to Britain."

Few Britons worry when they hear that a broker has gone bust. Rightly or wrongly, people believe brokers don't put enough into their job. Brokers need no qualifications to set up in business. They are not liable for their clients' losses. Many hurry home before other offices close. Nobody makes them keep up with the economic and political developments which swirl or diminish their clients' holdings. And not many people understand a stock-broker's job, anyway.

As a result, millions of cloth cap workers are suspicious of "The City"—capital, bankers and everything associated with it. They regard the Stock

Exchange as some sort of gambling centre (as indeed it is, sometimes) but don't realise it also provides the best available channel for lending money to industry—which in turn provides them with jobs.

In the latest "Challenge to Britain" it is just this suspicion of capital which the Socialist Party exploits. Relentlessly, the Socialists have committed themselves to tax capital if they return to power. They ignore the fact that business and private enterprise are already taxed so much that in recent years many energetic young Britons have emigrated to Dominions and Colonies where their efforts will not be nullified by the State.

OTHER SCHEMES

The Socialists do not reveal just how they propose to tax capital. But it could be in the form of a capital gains tax, a capital levy or a tax on expenditure out of capital.

In the "Challenge" they have other schemes, also, to make the rich poorer and the poor richer. Some of these run parallel with Conservative aims, but are dressed up to appear as Labour's brain children.

They include the promise to adjust old age pensions and other allowances from National Insurance schemes to a sliding scale based on the cost of living. Thus pensions would rise if living costs went up. The Tory aim is to hold down the cost of living at the outset.

The Socialists also pledge equal pay for women in State employment.

Otherwise, the mixture is much as before. Water would be nationalised outright. The chemical, shipbuilding, aircraft and machine tool industries would be controlled by the Government to a greater or less extent.

Naturally, therefore, the bankers, brokers and businessmen have fallen faces.

Investors, already paying two percent stamp duty and brokerage on deals, would provide less business than ever if a capital gains tax clipped possible profits.

BANKERS' FEAR

The bankers fear the cost and inefficiency of a cumbersome State control.

And businessmen say in despair: "If there are any more controls, farms to fill and taxes, we'll pack up."

They point out also that the reimposition of controls would bring back the undercover deals and tax evasions which were rife under the postwar Labour Government.

And the workers? They'll have their social benefits.

And when there's nobody left to be taxed to pay for these benefits?

That remains the Socialists' little secret.

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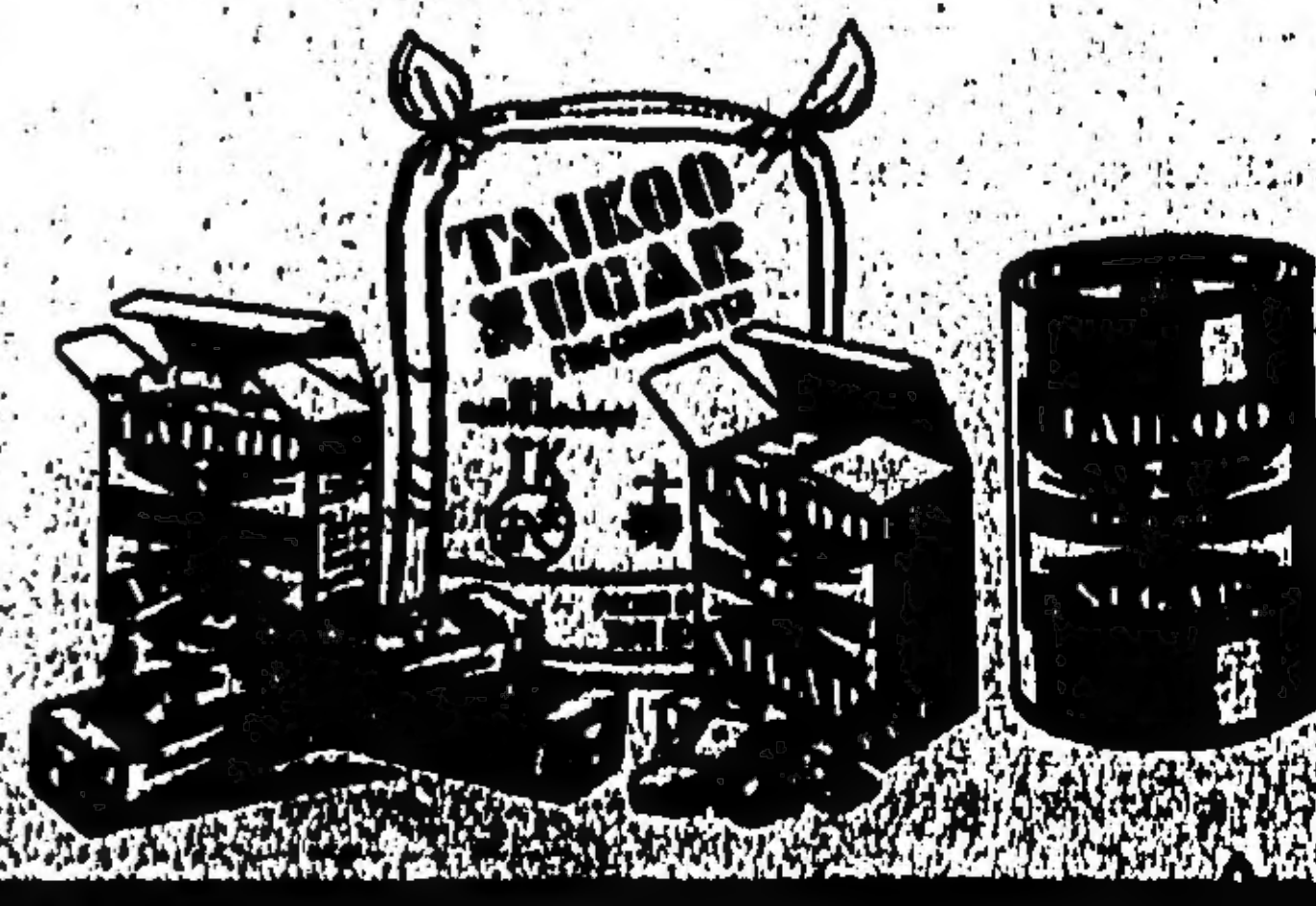
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Obtainable from all
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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

MR. JUSTICE COCKLE- CARROT was called upon recently to decide a very difficult point, during the hearing of Dorothy Berridge, David Berridge and the Jefferys. All-Purpose Society versus Canton Avenue and Sidney Ebbson. Dame Ruth Puffage intervening.

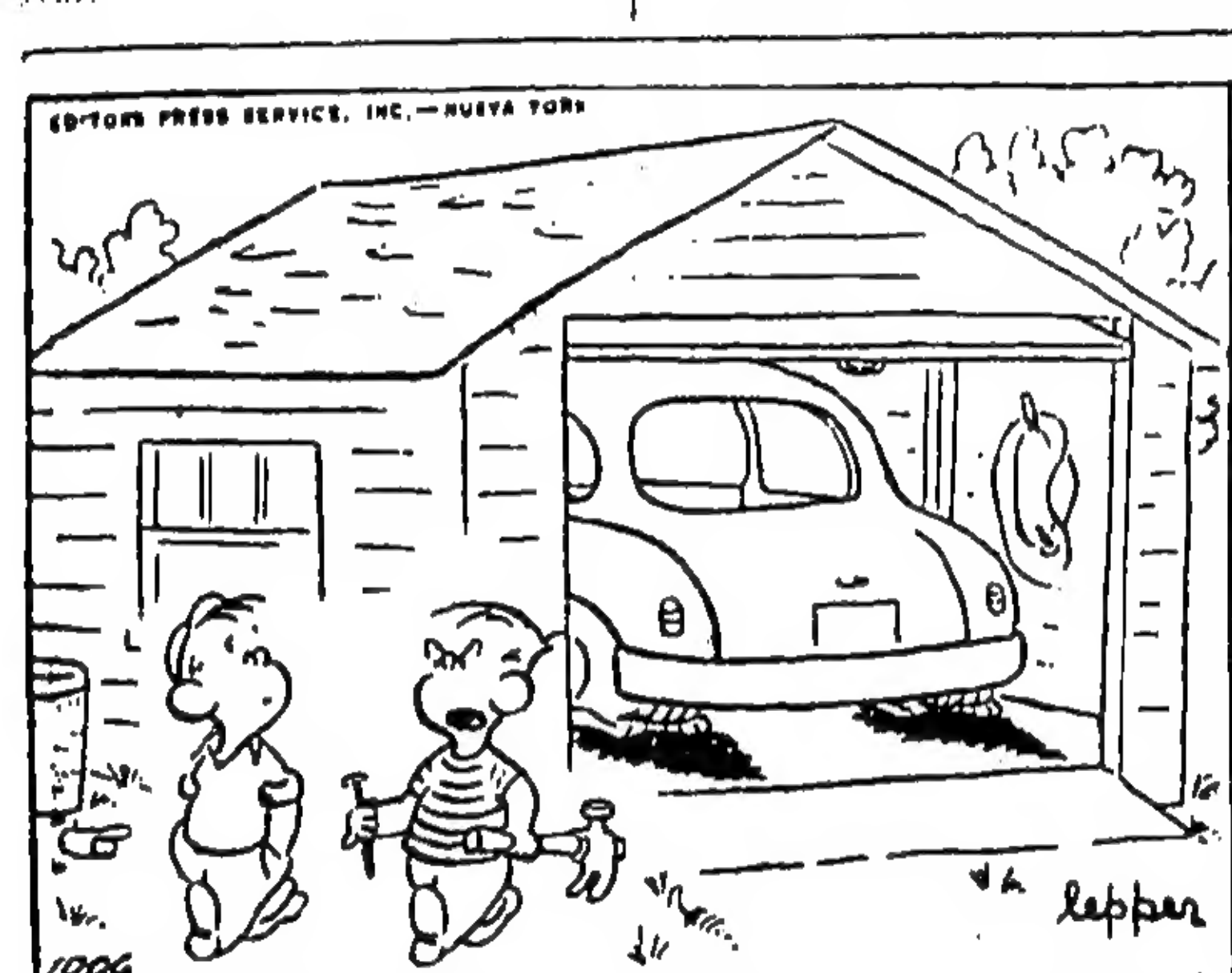
It had been stated in evidence, by Colonel Crampton-Grover, that while he had purchased from a hawker, a thick piece of mink, and therefore could not be played (the hawker), Mr. Fred Gold said that the Colonel had not played Mr. Tinklebury-Snapdrev, for the prosecution, and that the Colonel had been sold an ostrich for a mink. Mr. Justice Cockle-carrot asked why was it a mink? The witness said it was a mink. Mr. Justice Cockle-carrot asked why was it a mink? The witness said it was a mink.

Expert witness called

MR. HONEYWEATHER COCKLE- CARROT, in the defence, asked if it was customary to buy whole mink from hawker's shops. The witness, Mrs. Berridge, said that she understood that the purchase of the mink was a private transaction. The witness was not part of the hawker's stock-in-trade.

Cockle-carrot: Could not the mink have been removed for playing purposes?

Snapped: It was not a mink, it was a mink. It had belonged to a girl at Helen's Junction. A Mr. Good Year.



"There's something funny somewhere. I know I heard him say one of them was self sealing."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

BORN today, you have a keen mind and one which is equipped to handle any problem presented you, efficiently and effectively. You are usually a long way ahead of your nearest competitor. You have the ability to get on the facts, interpret them, and use them instantly. You will succeed brilliantly just so long as you keep your self-confidence. Never lose your grip on things, even for an instant, or you are lost.

You have a keen sense of humour. Let it help you to laugh at temporary adversity comes. For, to approach a problem with optimism is half the battle won. You have considerable self-control and seldom lose your temper. No matter how hard pressed you may become, your great difficulty is that you get discouraged a little too easily when the going is rough.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You are a keen and efficient housewife. You are usually a long way ahead of your nearest competitor. You have the ability to get on the facts, interpret them, and use them instantly. You will succeed brilliantly just so long as you keep your self-confidence. Never lose your grip on things, even for an instant, or you are lost.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Try and take time out for some profitable work at home. It may have been busy at the office all week. Then enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Relax at home and see that you don't do a bit more than is absolutely necessary. Then enjoy yourself.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you can find any more time to spare today, then there will be plenty of time for fun and relaxation.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Make your check and plans carefully so that you can accomplish all that you have planned to do today.

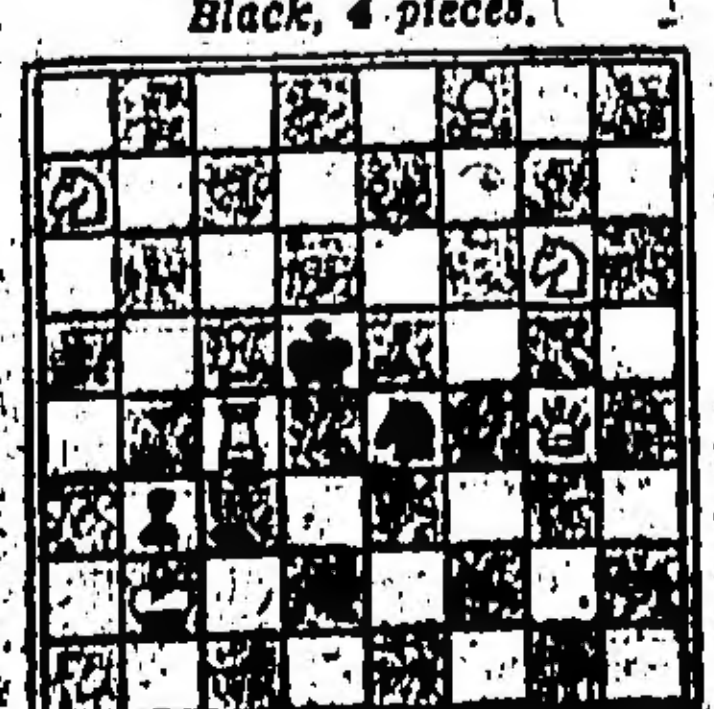
LILIA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you are economical now, you will find that your "tough" will stretch for something you may not need, but want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—If you have been smart, you have won up all important work and can now have an enjoyable time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Do sure that what you have been working so hard to attain is really what you want most out of life.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. HERMANSON.
Black, 4 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

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LOOKING AT SPORT

THE GREEKS STARTED IT —AND IT CARRIES ON TO TODAY

But Why Must Top Class Athletes Be Amateurs?

By DENNIS HART

When will Britain's amateur athletic bosses realise that this is the 20th Century? The rulers of Britain's runners are still convinced that the day of the man who competes sheerly for fun, and pays to do so, is not yet passed.

Even the diehards of the Lawn Tennis Association have moved with the times and asked firms to provide England's promising young players jobs that will not hinder their tennis careers. In short, pay them for playing tennis.

But not so the Amateur Athletic Association. Delicately wearing their old school ties they declare they will fight such moves to the last.

A noble principle? No, stupidity. These days the standards of top class athletics has become so high that it is virtually impossible for a man to compete with the best and carry on another job at the same time.

And if the English authorities say they must, they take the only alternative—go to a place where such antiquated rules do not apply.

For this reason Britain may lose perhaps her greatest-ever runner, Gordon Pirie.

Pirie plans to go to America at the end of the year. Ostensibly he goes to study at a University. But he openly admits that the real reason is that he will be given unlimited time to train.

WHY BLAME HIM?

And who can blame him? The crack continental, Eino Lahti, and the like, whom Pirie will meet next season, enjoy similar advantages. They do not put in eight hours pen-pushing a day before doing their training. No one can accuse Pirie of seeking a cushy job abroad. His present training schedule of four hours' gruelling work a day, seven days a week, would send many professional sportsmen asking for a rise. Far from having an easy time in America, Pirie intends to almost double his workouts.

If only Britain's athletic rulers would come up to date, the day may even be in sight when this whole ridiculous business of segregating amateurs and professionals will come to an end.

At present it seems a forlorn hope. The law is almost as old as athletics itself.

The Greeks began it, 1,500 years ago. The Olympic Games had made athletics the most popular pastime. But the Olympics, expensive to enter and train for, were open only to those with money.

Would-be athletes of the poorer classes looked on enviously. Then they hit on the idea of staging their own shows, charging for admission, and using the money to pay for training.

So professionalism was born. These paid performers were not allowed to compete in the Olympics. But they did not worry. In that respect they were no worse off than before, and they had become top class athletes.

Immediately early Greek philosophers were as one in condemning them. They said it was a profession harmful to both body and mind and its followers were scornfully referred to as "paid gladiators."

At least it can be said that their views were based on thought, rather than pride.

But who can condone a society that recognises a man paid to

ride horses to the extent of awarding him a high civil honour, and looks down on a man paid to run on his own two legs.

AWAKE

One sporting body, however, who are awake to present day problems is the French boxing board.

Following the recent number of ring deaths there, precautions are being taken to ensure that only men in perfect physical shape are allowed to box.

Licences will not be issued until fighters have passed a medical examination as stiff as those given to air pilots, seaplane pilots and divers.

In addition to the usual tests of heart, sight and hearing, Frenchmen will not be allowed to knock each other around the ring unless their resistance capacity and bone structure are found to be one hundred percent.

Seems that other countries could learn from France's experiences.

TAKE YOUR CHANCES

"Take your chances" is a lesson all footballers are taught early in their careers. On the field few learned it so thoroughly as Jack Froggatt, an England international at centre-half and outside-left.

Off the field, however, it's a different story. Four months ago, Arsenal, struggling in the doldrums, tried to secure his transfer. They offered Portsmouth £25,000. The club agreed, and "Iron Man" Jack had the chance to make yet another reputation.

He could have led an Arsenal revival and his international place would have been assured. Even his club advised him to do so.

But he hesitated. And, while he dithered, Arsenal staged their revival without him, and so lost interest.

Now Froggatt is out of the Portsmouth first team and has been placed on the transfer list. But, as a reserve, his value has tumbled, and he will not get another chance like the one he received four months ago.

So the man who put so much into his displays for his club and country seems destined to become just another footballer.

(London Express Special)

All-Speed Attack Against The West Indians?

Kingston, Jan. 15.

England is likely to field an all-speed attack for the first Test against the West Indies beginning today.

Len Hutton, the England captain, and his co-selectors are said to feel that the result of this match will play a vital part in deciding the rubber, and that in the absence of Frank Worrell and Frank King from the West Indies XI, England should make all-out effort to obtain an early initiative.

As the general agreement is that the Sabina Park pitch is faster than any other Test ground, this is obviously the best place to throw in an all-speed attack.

With Freddie Trueman, Moss and Statham as well as Bailey, Hutton will be able to maintain fast bowling all the time and

throw a fresh pace bowler against every new batsman.

This could be extremely important against such an opponent as 44-year-old George Headley, who, although still a fine player, has hardly such a swift mental and physical reaction as when in his prime.

The West Indies also have not seen Trueman at top speed. He has been working up gradually. Unfortunately his damaged heel is not yet 100 per cent right, but there is little doubt about his ability to play.

England will start favourites to win. The key to the match might be the West Indies ability to cope with the tourists' fast bowling.—China Mail Special.

POMPEE TO TAKE ON ANOTHER AMERICAN



Following his quick success against King at Harringay last month, Trinidad-born Yolande Pompee takes on another tough coloured American in the shape of Bobby Dawson, the contest being at Nottingham on January 25. Picture shows Pompee training at Solomons' Gymnasium.—Central Press Photo.

THE HASTINGS CONGRESS PROVED IT

Chess Is The Last Resort Of Democratic Internationalism

Says EDWARD CRANKSHAW

The Russians were expected to steal the show. It is so many years since representatives of the greatest chess-playing country appeared at the Hastings Congress. Any Russian would have been an event.

The two who came were spellbinders: David Bronstein, aged 29, who came close to taking the World Championship from Botvinnik two years ago; and Alexander Tolush, a good deal older, but less famous outside Russia until he startled everyone by taking the first prize at the great Bucharest competition last year.

But as it turned out, these two stole the show: not by wiping the floor with their competitors, but by their admirable bearing and their unflinching and often highly adventurous sportsmanship.

Chess is the last resort of democratic internationalism in its purest and most spontaneous form. Lately there have been faint signs that the trans-Atlantic passion for winning at all costs was beginning to die in chess to corrupt the desire to see and to understand.

EXAMPLE IN CHIVALRY

The Russians, too, obviously wanted to win, for their own glory and the glory of the Soviet Union. But chess has always come first, and they set an example in that chivalry which, to the delight of every competitor, marked the progress of this Congress.

The basement hall of the White Rock Pavilion did not look like an arena for the display of high thinking and higher sportsmanship. It looked more like the scene of a village whit drive. A trestle table covered loosely with green baize, 50 pairs sat in rows, all organised in sections of ten players. Only the chess-boards and the double stool-clocks for each indicated the fact that this was a serious game of concentration.

There was incessant movement, but no loud talking. Wandering between the lines of tables, competitors waiting for their next move murmured confidentially, glanced curiously at other people's games, fetched themselves cups of coffee and petit beurre biscuits from the buffet, or drifted to the top of the room at the foot of the platform where the officials took their ease to see how the Masters were getting on.

These, five pairs again, were formally segregated, each pair with its own trestle table which engaged disconcertingly in the middle under the weight of the thinker's elbow, and protected from the spectators in the single row of chairs by a yellow rope, which was a convention rather than a barrier.

AT ITS HIGHEST

Here were seen not only five simultaneous exhibitions of chess at its highest but a

display of human psychology in rich profusion. Bronstein and Tolush were themselves worth a week's study.

Bronstein is all attractiveness and charm, small, neat, in a double-breasted blue suit with a rather startling tie of flaring red and blue. He has the self-containment of a great musician. Pale, with a forehead which is high and ample rather than immense, with horn-rimmed spectacles, the gentlest and most diffident manner, a delightful smile and an air of extreme sensibility, he offered for much of the time a spectacle of perfect relaxation.

He returned to his table for his move like an experienced surgeon about to make a critical incision, remote and cool. Only under extreme pressure, as in his tremendous duel with Alexander, did he show the slightest sense of strain, and then only by a little tightness at the mouth. But he also showed then that his disarming exterior disguised a will of steel and an apparently infinite endurance, as well as the mind of a creative theoretician.

It was Tolush, not Bronstein, who turned out to be the poet. A heavy, stocky figure in early middle-age, he looked like the most dependable type of Russian general in mufti, a serenely imperious to all the fallings of common humanity—except that he smoked like a chimney.

But his game told a different story: behind the stolidity there was a furious boldness which at times amounted to recklessness, and a delight in complex combinations for their own sake which would take him into territory he had not fully reconnoitred—just to see what happened. Sometimes the wrong thing happened. He attacked like a whirlwind, Bronstein attacked, though swiftly, with the thoroughness of the mills of God.

INEPT IMAGE

A whirlwind may sound an inept image for the game of chess—34 moves in the first two hours; 17 moves in the first three hours; 17 moves in the first three hours; 17 moves in the first three hours. It may seem particularly inept when applied to Tolush, who, when he met Bronstein and was confronted at the seventh move with an entirely new experience, sat down to

Hastings, England.

Last Night's Boxing

The lightweight meeting of Stoker Mechanic Gerraghty and Pte. Dixon of the Army was the high spot of another fine night's fighting at the Missions to Seamen yesterday evening.

Gerraghty won the bout on points but he was given a hard and punishing fight by the soldier from the Royal Norfolk. Dixon showed a lot of class and he is to be complimented in coming back to the attack after twice being on the boards from damaging punches to the solar plexus.

Gerraghty was in command for most of the fight and seldom wasted a blow. His light defence and clever evading and ducking kept him clear of trouble from Dixon's hard right hand punching and in the end he got a well deserved verdict.

The crowd—and it was a big and enthusiastic one—got plenty to shout about in the welterweight contest between A. B. Taylor, R. N. and Yee Young-wine of the China Gymnasium.

Taylor, who sportingly took the place of a fighter who was not available, showed little appreciation of the finer points of the game but he more than made up for that by ensuring that at least the public would get a fight.

He went rushing in to the attack with his arms flailing, a heavy scowl on his face, and his bright red hair standing on end.

He looked a menacing fighter but his appearance caused little impression on the Chinese outthrust who ignored the flowing arms and stepped inside to ram home powerful blows to Taylor's often unprotected mid-section.

The crowd loved this bout and while there was never any doubt that the Chinese boy won, deservedly, Taylor had the crowd on his feet shouting its appreciation at the end of the fight.

Fong Yu-chuan from the China Gymnasium found the punching power of L/C. Reaney too much for him and the referee wisely intervened in the third round to save him from unnecessary punishment.

Reaney is a fighter who must see again. He is crafty and experienced and he has unusual power in his gloves. His systematic attacks was always too clever for the young Chinese boxer who showed a lot of spirit in continually carrying the fight to his harder hitting opponent.

The programme finished on a high note with a grand scrap between two soldiers, E. M. Dainty won a clear points decision over AB Sanders, but he had to fight every inch of the way against a strong and active opponent who just did not know the meaning of the word "retreat".

The winner was an upright accurate boxer who used his long reach to good purpose. Sanders, showed an excellent wicket in the attack from first going to last but he could never evade the accurately placed left leads of his taller opponent.

FA Cup Replays

London, Jan. 14.

Results of FA Cup third round replays today were: Leicester City 3, Middlesbrough 2.

Leyton Orient 4, Tranmere Rovers 1.

Sunderland United 3, Wrexham 1.

Swansea Town 4, Barrow 2.

Charlton Athletic 2, Portsmouth 3.

Headington United 1, Stockport County 0.

Hull City 1, Brentford 1.

Walsall 1, Lincoln City 1.

The latter two games, which were still undecided after extra time today, will be replayed a second time next Monday, January 18, as follows:

Brentford versus Hull City at Highbury, London.

Walsall versus Lincoln City at the Nottingham Forest ground—Reuter.

Cockell Wants More Money

Johannesburg, Jan. 14.

Mr John Simpson, manager of Don Cockell, who is now in South Africa to defend his British Empire heavyweight title against Johnny Arthur, said here today that Cockell was prepared to meet Roland La Starza (USA) in London on March 30 if promoter Jack Solomon met his (Simpson's) terms.

(Solomon, at present in the United States, announced the match through his London office today.)

"We don't want to be greedy but Cockell is a big draw card in London and a good deal more than Solomon is offering," Simpson said.

"We are prepared to give a little if Solomon will give up a little," Simpson said, and fully expected to meet La Starza in a final bout with the world heavyweight champion.

SHIKAMPUR TO RACE IN BRAZIL

Patria, Jan. 14.

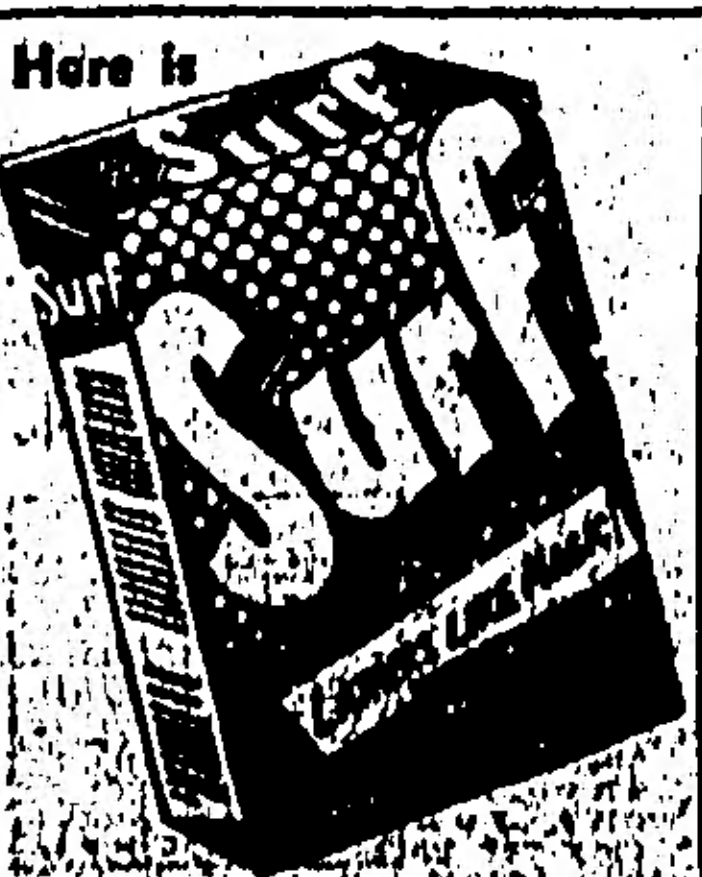
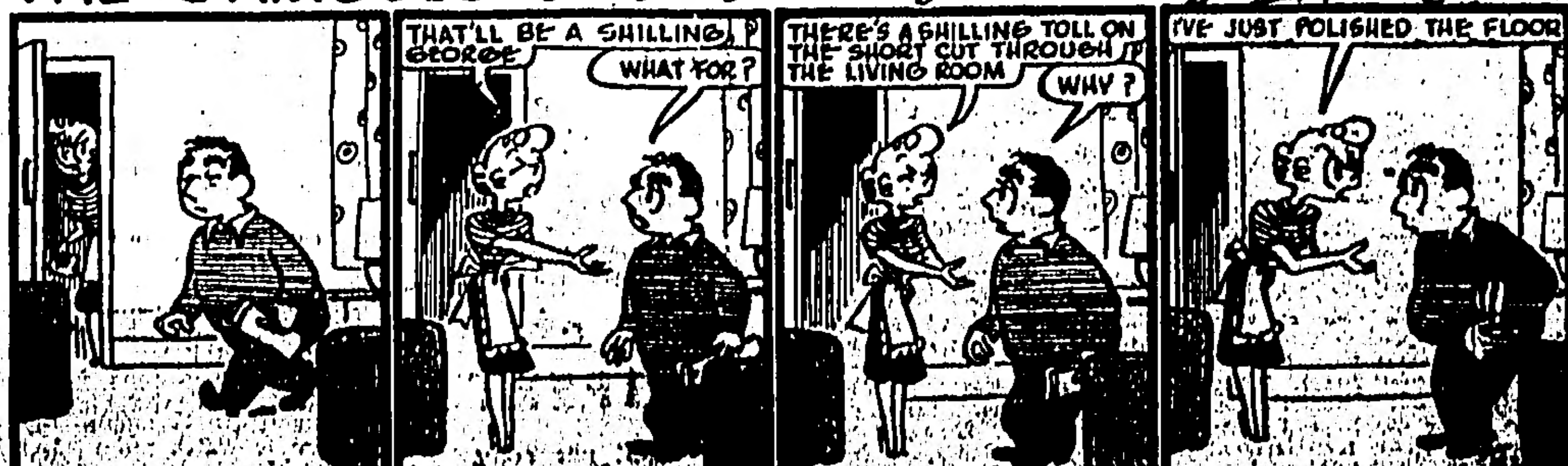
Shikampur, a 10-year-old grey colt, is to race in Brazil, under the name of Shikampur, in the Grand Prix de Brazil.

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THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

SPORTS ROUND-UP

This has considerably helped up his recovery. It is unlikely that he will be available for England's first international of the season against Wales on January 10.

Peter Kennedy, former British and European Banlamweight champion, is recovering from the Wales-Albion game the experiment may now succeed. With the New Zealanders winning most of the straits and gaining little advantage as a result, it was seen that Brown alone is not enough.

On the same day the Club extension will be officially declared open.

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handed in the first two games. T.O.V. players accounted for C.P. Yale 10-3, 9-3, 9-4. The match between P.L. Smith, Berger, Shaw, Stevens, Cohen, Laville, Kervin, Whitman, Dick, Phillips, Lowery, Richardson.

By J. R. WATKINS

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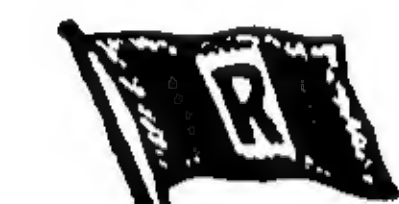
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By Order of the Board,

MICHAEL W. TURNER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1954.

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All of a sudden a flying saucer appeared.

Everyone looked up, naturally apprehensive at the object appearing overhead at a speed which no one there could calculate.

A moment later, the flying saucer was followed by a flying cup, and next the air was thick with flying crockery of every kind.

DIAL 999
SOMEONE, keeping under cover, reached for the telephone and dialled, not the astronomer—royal, but the police, who arrived a minute or two later, in a squad car.

The police jumped out of their car and threw themselves into the cafe, broken cups and saucers crunching under their boots.

A dozen men seemed to be fighting, and in the nearest group, an olive-skinned young Welshman named Alonso seemed to be getting the better of a spindly, fair-haired man of about his own age.

FREE-FOR-ALL

AT Great Marlborough Street next morning, Alonso was charged with assaulting his opponent of the night before, and causing him actual bodily harm.

Nursing a most eloquent black eye, Alonso agreed that he was very likely guilty.

A police officer, an inspector, told Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the story of the cafe fight.

"There was a 'free-for-all' going on," he said, "and about 50 cups and saucers were lying around smashed."

"How were the injuries caused?" the magistrate inquired.

"By flying cups and saucers, I think," the inspector said.

"I should like to see the man that this defendant is said to have assaulted," said Mr Bennett. Alonso's late opponent was produced.

A FRIEND?

HE looked a little rueful, and he wore a sympathetic wink to Alonso in the dock.

"Did you have any stitches in your wounds?" Mr Bennett asked him.

"Yes," said Alonso's opponent. "Are you a friend of this man in the dock?"

"Saw him for the first time last night, as a matter of fact."

"Do you know anything about his injuries?"

"No, sir," said the man in the box.

THE HANDSHAKE

THE magistrate consulted the inspector. "When you say there was a 'free-for-all,' my impression is that everyone was an aggressor."

"That is so, sir," the inspector said.

The magistrate turned to Alonso again. "People are usually sent to prison for this offence," he said. "However, this is not the usual kind of charge. I shall deal with you severely. You will pay a fine of £10, and also pay 5 gags costs to this man you assaulted. You may have a month in which to pay."

Alonso went out gratefully. A little later I saw him outside the court, shake hands with his late opponent. Then the pair left, striding into Soho side-by-side, to have a cup of tea in the cafe they both used, perhaps—if any cups were left there.

Thief Caught In The Act

As Richard Francis Laws, a telegraphist from HMS Tamar, turned into Queen's Road from Pedder Street at 10.30 a.m. today, he saw a young Chinese dart in front of him and heard a click as his fountain pen was whipped from his pocket.

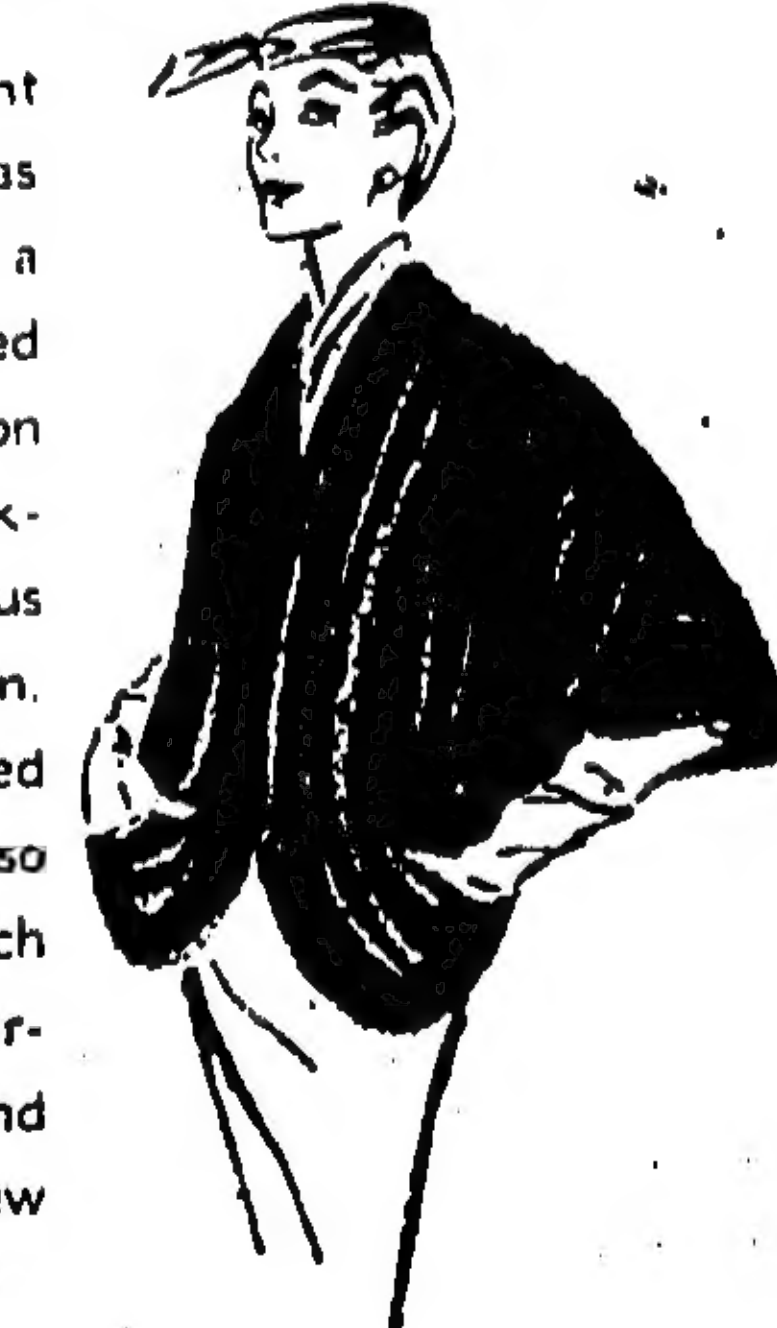
Laws grabbed the pickpocket, and with the assistance of a young lady, a pedestrian, the thief was called in and arrested the Chinese.

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has recognised Mr Bjorn Ake Hartman as Honorary Consul for Finland at Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

ANOTHER NEW PAA SHIPMENT

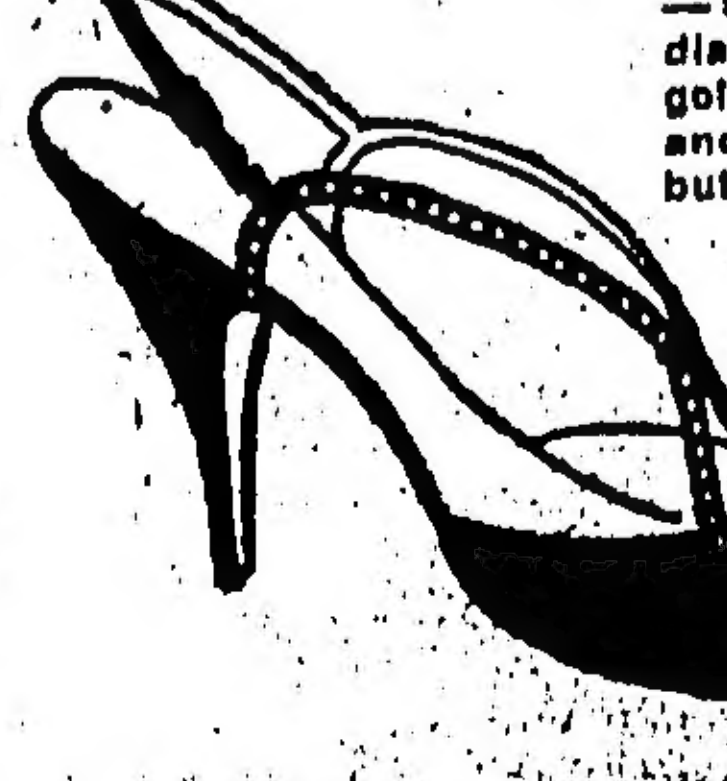
bought us mink-dyed marmot and rabbit clutch capes as illustrated together with a group of specially selected 1954 spring Holiday season party and evening and cocktail gowns, one of a glamorous style FIRST seen in town.

These beautiful well imitated mink capes are priced so LOW, and with so much LUXURIOUS look, that certainly would add "SPICE" and "DISTINCTION" to your new ensembles wherever you go.



ARISTOCRATIC SHOES FOR NICE WEAR

Just unpacked wonderful new group of "HIGH FASHION" shoes for wearing after dark. In supple French leathers, gun-metal and bronze and pink gold aniline calfskins—some profusely trimmed with tiny diamond-like rhinestones, steel or gold beads, featured today at Lord and Taylor, Ansonia, New York City, but here EXCLUSIVE with MODE ELITE, whose magnificent varied new collections of better footwear with matching better handbags are truly without parallel. Come and see them. Shoes set fixed one low price, but better handbags 20 to 30% off for mass promotion.

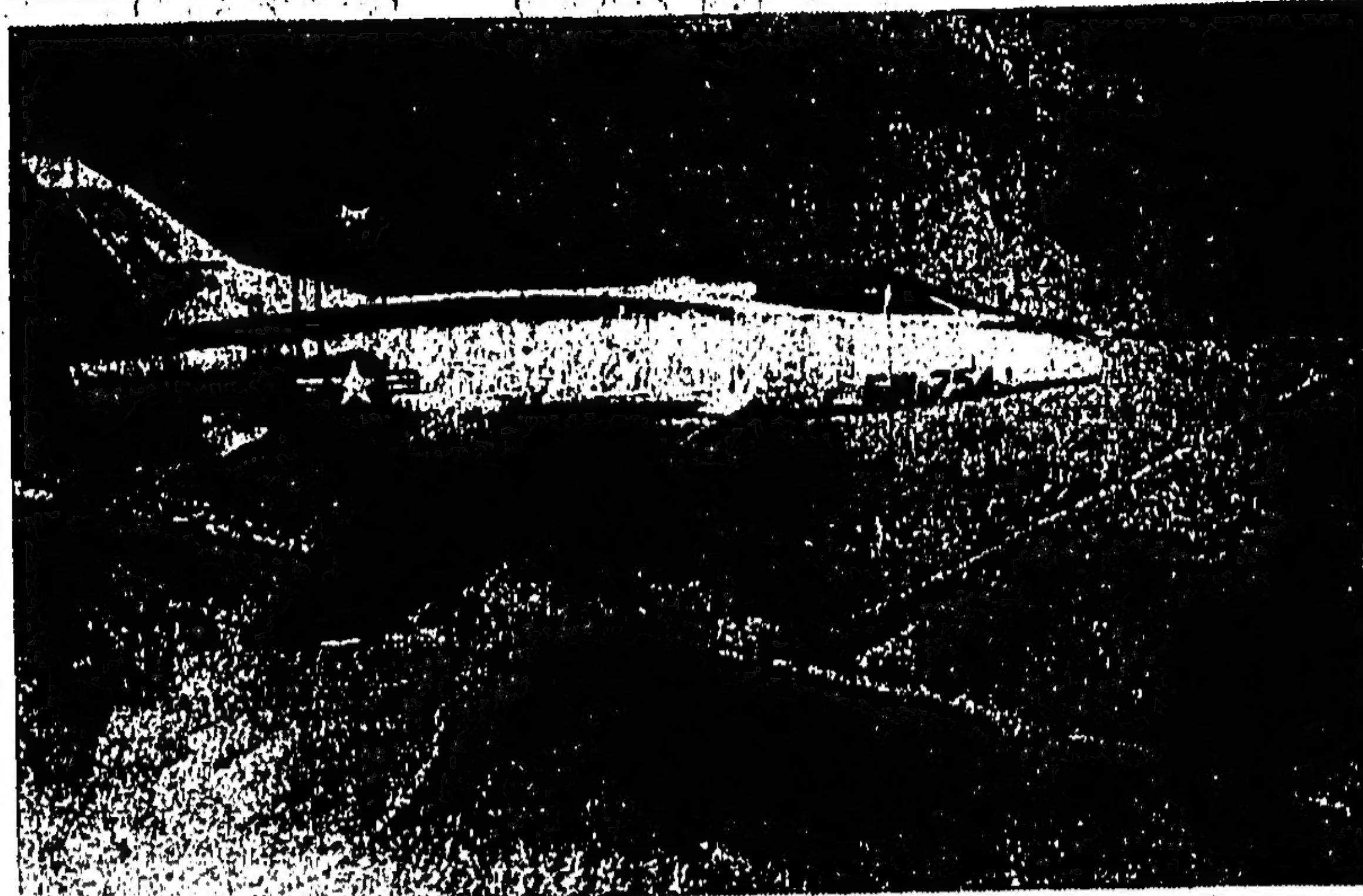


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America's New Super Sabre Jet



The newest fighting machine to come off the assembly lines for the United States Air Force is this F-100 Super Sabre. It features a 45 degree sweep back of the wings and tail, is powered by a Pratt and Whitney J-57-7 turbojet with afterburner, and has a service ceiling above 50,000 feet with a combat radius of more than 500 miles. Top speed is undisclosed. —London Express.

Yet Another Mysterious Beast

Batu Gajah, Perak State, Jan. 15.

The jungles of Perak State, which last month spawned mysterious apes, have produced another "thing" which is baffling zoologists.

It is an animal described as having "the fierce look of an old wild bear, short legs, a thin stiff tail which seldom moves and a thick wrinkled skin."

It was found in a drain near the Telang Mafin rest-house, not far from the jungle-lad main range of Perak State, thought to be the home of the fabled orang-utan.

The Singapore Standard today published a photograph of the queer animal and a report that since its capture it has refused to eat and spent most of its time sleeping.

The only suggestion so far put forward came from an Indian zoologist, who declared it might have been a freak Frak or not — photographs show it to be a very odd looking beast—Reuter.

SURPLUS FOR OCTOBER

Revenue for the month of October last year exceeded expenditure by \$17,052,346.34, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Revenue during the month amounted to \$45,014,022.72, while expenditure for the same period came to \$27,961,736.38. The General Revenue Balance as on October 31, 1953, stood at \$280,428,293.32.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.30, Contd. A Radio Magazine for the Rising Generation with News, Views, Interviews, Stories and Music. 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